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Job Printing of every description executed with neatness and dispatch.

NEW

Cheap Cash Store!

IN GALENA!

THOMAS H. HORSEY.

"Come one! come all! this rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I."
Fits James spoke thus to Rhoderic Dhu,
And so kind friends will say to you

THAT WE INTEND TO SELL

Goods as Cheap as they can be bought in Kent!

We now offer to the public at LOW RATES for CASH or Country Produce, a general assortment of GOODS just purchased from NEW YORK and PHILADELPHIA.

OUR STOCK OF DRY GOODS

IS HARD TO BEAT.

Always on hand a full supply of

Family Groceries and Choice Liquors

A well selected stock of

BOOTS & SHOES,
HATS AND CAPS,
HOSIERY AND GLOVES,
Builders' and Housekeeping HARDWARE,
QUEENS, STONE and CEDAR WARE

a full stock in this line to suit all tastes.

Ladies' Dress Goods,

WHITE GOODS, Notions and Trimmings, we make a speciality.

Mallalieu's Kerseys and Cassimeres very cheap.

Turner's Celebrated AXES just received.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS.

Give us a call and we'll suit you all.

oc30tf. THOS. H. HORSEY.

K. N. R.

ATTENTION!

1st

To my LARGE AND VARIED STOCK OF GOODS, embracing the largest and best assortment of all descriptions. It would be impossible to enumerate the various kinds and qualities that I keep, and the only way to find out is to give me a call, and save money by buying of me for the Cash!

2d

To my full and beautiful line of CASIMERES, bought to match in suits; together with an assortment of BEAVER & FRENCH CLOTHS for Overcoats; and to the fact that Mr. E. J. MOLINEAS, Fashionable Tailor, formerly of Philadelphia, now occupies rooms over my Store. I am therefore prepared to furnish to order CLOTHING of all styles, to suit the most fastidious.

3d

I am agent for the justly celebrated **Grover & Baker Sewing Machines,** which I keep constantly on hand in a room fitted up for the purpose, where they are open for inspection to all that wish to purchase.—This Machine is so well and favorably known that it needs nothing but an examination to accomplish a sale.

4th

Lastly, I call the attention of my customers to my complete

STOCK OF LIQUORS,

consisting in Whiskey, Brandy, Wine, Gin, &c., which I will keep constantly on hand until further notice. Especial attention is called to my superior Old Cognac Brandy, Holland Gin and pure Rye Whiskey, which I bought expressly for Medical purposes and family use.

Any of the above articles can be bought cheap for cash at

E. W. PURNELL'S,
GALENA, MD.

N. B.—Country Produce, and Poulty dressed for the Philadelphia market, taken in exchange for merchandise, or the cash.

Nov. 13, 1869—tf.

URIEVILLE GRIST AND SAW MILLS.

THE undersigned having rented the above well known Mills, takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally that he is now prepared to accommodate them in GRINDING and SAWING, having at both Mills competent and reliable men.

The Mills are in excellent condition for work, and all who favor him with their patronage may rely upon full justice in every respect being done them, and as good a turn-out of Grist as can be had at any Mill in the county.

jan8-2m. L. L. ROLLISON.

A CARD.

FINDING the general notices to settle thro' the County papers overlooked or disregarded, and a determination to give those indebted to me another opportunity to make amicable settlement, I shall send C. W. WHALAND (my son,) with full instructions to close my books. I expect to send with him a prompt and accurate accountant who will render him any assistance. My books must be closed to the 21st day of January last, when I associated with Dr. Perkins. My duty demands it.

d18-tf. T. H. WHALAND.

BURNS & SLOAN,

132 Light Street Wharf,

BALTIMORE, MD.,

OFFER FOR SALE A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF WELL-SEASONED

Building Lumber

LATHS AND SHINGLES,

FENCING AND PALES,

ASH, OAK & WALNUT,

AT LOWEST PRICES.

ALSO, DOORS, SASH & BLINDS.

May 16, 1869—y.

Confectionery, Toys, &c.

JAMES H. SMITH,
HAS NOW IN STORE
A Large and General Assortment of Goods in in his line, embracing
CONFECTIONERY of ALL KINDS,
and of the best quality.

A Handsome Stock of TOYS,

SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.

Beautiful CHINA & GLASSWARE

Such as Vases, Pitchers, Toilet Sets, Perfume Bottels, large and small DOLLS, &c.

Also, Lamps and Chimneys, Hair Brushes, Combs, &c. Tobacco and Segars. Oranges, Lemons and Apples, Canned Fruit, Pickles, Chow Chow, French Mustard, Jellies, Tammarinds, Pepper Sauce, &c. Call and see for yourselves. Dec. 11, 1869.

TREES, PLANTS, AND VINES.

MY friends and customers will please recollect that I am still in the market, with a large and extensive assortment of

NURSERY STOCK.

PEACH TREES, and SMALL FRUIT PLANTS specialities.

N. BARNARD, Still Pond, Md.

Jan. 15—3m.*

FRUIT GROWERS LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST.

I am still in the market with a LARGE and GENUINE ARTICLE OF

FRUIT TREES,

Such as PEACH, grown in New Jersey by Pullen and Bilyeau, and DWARF, grown in New York, and the different varieties of Small fruits, such as RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, STRAWBERRY, GRAPES, and in fact every variety grown in a first class Nursery.

My Peach will compare in quality and genuineness with any in the U. S. In regard to Mr. S. G. Bilyeu's Fruit, we will offer Col. E. Wilkins as a reference. Among our list of Peaches we have three prime varieties of late Peach, two of them white with a beautiful blush, ripening with Smock, being much larger, and in color there is no comparison. We have a fine stock of the Salway, which is ten days later than Smock or Heath, a very fine size round Peach, with beautiful blush and perfectly free to the seed—the buds Mr. Bilyeu went to Europe to procure. Two other varieties are Keyport White and Steven's Rareripe.

I think I can furnish anything in the Nursery line as cheap and as good, and on as good terms as any other man in the county. From an experience of ten years in Nursery stock, I flatter myself I can furnish any article that can be procured from any other source. Feeling very thankful for past patronage, I still ask for a continuance of the same.

Any information concerning any of the different varieties gladly given by letter.

Please address JOSEPH C. RASIN,
d4tA1. Still Pond, Kent county, Md.

TO PEACH GROWERS.

The subscriber has for sale about *Thirty Thousand PEACH TREES,* of the best varieties. Trees warranted to be of the variety represented. Orders solicited.

ROBERT NICHOLSON,
Oct. 16—tf. near Hanesville.

FOR SALE,

60,000 PEACH TREES,

of prime quality, and very best orchard varieties. Also, 200,000 Osage Orange Quicks of superior growth. F. H. TAYLOR,
s4tf. Galena, Kent county, Md.

LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!

Look Here!

STANLEY & SON,

Opposite the Kent National Bank,

Are receiving a large and well selected stock of

NEW FURNITURE,

which they will sell at the lowest rates for CASH. They have ONE PRICE ONLY for their goods, and sell to all alike. Give them a call before purchasing elsewhere.

UNDERTAKING.

We are still engaged in the undertaking business, and are prepared to execute all orders in that line at the shortest notice, and will guarantee satisfaction both in price and quality of work. STANLEY & SON,
d18-3m. Chestertown.

TO THE TAX-PAYERS Of the First District.

HAVING concluded that the taxable citizens of the First District may have forgotton that they owe taxes for 1869, I beg leave to remind them of that fact—and that unless they show some evidence of a disposition to pay them, I shall at an early day avail myself of the comfort of the law.

For the convenience of Tax Payers I will be at the following places on the days named:

At Galena on Mondays.
At Masseys on Wednesday mornings.
At Sassafras on Wednesday afternoons.
At Chesterville on Saturday mornings.
At Millington on Saturday afternoons.

oc23-tf. E. E. MILLER, Collector.

NEW MILLINERY GOODS.

Misses Middleton & Wyatt,

HAVE just returned from the city with a large assortment of

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY,

embracing BONNETS, HATS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS, FEATHERS, &c., &c., all of which are of the latest styles, and will be sold at the very lowest prices.

Our stock of FANCY GOODS cannot be surpassed in this market.

The Ladies are invited to call and see our goods before purchasing elsewhere.

Store adjoining T. W. Eliason & Son's.

NOTICE.—Persons indebted to us will confer a favor by making payment once. We are in want of money, and desire to close our books for last year.

Jan. 15, 1870—tf.

General Jobbing and Carpentering

DONE BY

ARTHUR J. TOULSON.

SHOP over the Blacksmith Shop, near the Foundry. Particular attention paid to mending broken Tables and Furniture. Will also neatly varnish the same if desired. Venitian Blinds neatly repaired and hung. Desks, Wardrobes, Tables, Stands, Ironing Boards, Lap Boards, Clothes Racks, Gates, &c., made to order. Also, Saw Filing.

Patronage solicited. jan8 3m.

Professional Notice.

DR. J. H. PRICE

HAVING located at the Trappe, offers his professional services to the surrounding community. Refers to a practice of four years at Hooversville, Anne Arundel co., Md.

Jan. 8, 1870—6m.

Medical Notice.

HAVING bought the house and lot at Belair lately belonging to Samuel B. Wheat, the subscriber has *permanently* located for the practice of Medicine and Surgery.

Special attention given to diseases of Women.

ja8-3m. A. SAPPINGTON, M. D.

EDWIN CROUCH, JR.,

MILLINGTON, MD.,

AGENT FOR THE SALE OF **Schuylkill Lime,**

Delivered at any landing on Sassafras or Chester Rivers. mh6-tf.

UNDER-SHIRTS and DRAWERS can be had at L. S. FOWLER'S at low prices.

Farmers Look to Your Interest

AT THE

Galena Machine Shops

By W. A. HYLAND & CO.,

YOU CAN GET REAPERS, MOWERS, THRESHERS, HORSE POWERS, JACKS, CORN SHELLERS, CULTIVATORS, CULTIVATOR TEETH and PLOWS.

We have on hand about 15 TONS OF CASTINGS as good as can be bought in the State.

Also, ONE-HORSE POWERS, suitable for shelling Corn and other light work; a No. 1 article, as tested by some of our best Farmers.

REPAIRING of all kinds neatly and promptly attended to.

Old Iron wanted at market prices.

GIVE US A CALL. "Good Work and Fair Dealing" is our motto.

jan29 10m. W. A. HYLAND & CO.

Very Cheap Goods!

L. S. FOWLER

BEING desirous of reducing his stock of Goods still further, would especially invite the attention of all persons wishing to buy anything in his line

VERY CHEAP.

Needing money more than he does Goods, he will SELL AT A SACRIFICE FOR THE NEXT TWENTY DAYS.

A good stock of HATS is offered for sale very cheap, as he intends to close them out at prices to suit customers.

HARDWARE for Builders and others, is offered very low. Locks, Hinges, Bolts, Screws, Shutter Fasteners, Nails, Finishing Nails, Malleable Nails, Hinge Nails, Gate Hooks, Files, Hatchets, Augers, &c., *will be sold very cheap.*

WORSTED HOODS, Breakfast SHAWLS, Sontags, Children's Caps, and Ladies' Merino Vests, will be sold at reduced prices, by

Jan. 22. 1870. L. S. FOWLER.

Steam Mill in Chestertown.

THE subscriber having leased and put in complete order the STEAM MILL in Chestertown, is prepared to exchange or grind for the usual toll, all Wheat or Corn which may be sent or consigned to him, and promises to perform his duties with faithfulness and dispatch.

He will be at the Steamboat every day on her arrival and take charge of any grain sent to him, grind the same and have it put back on said boats, without charge for cartage.

He solicits a fair share of the public patronage and promises to give satisfaction to those who favor him with their custom.

jan29-3m. E. C. REICHE.

AGENT WANTED

EMPIRE MUTUAL Life Insurance Co.,

OF NEW YORK.

BRANCH OFFICE:—22 SECOND STREET, Opposite Post Office, Baltimore.

No restrictions upon residence, occupation, or travel.

All policies nonforfeitable and absolutely incontestable, after second premium.

Those contemplating Life Insurance will find themselves amply recompensed, in the end, by sending for free circular, &c. Persons of any honorable profession, or occupation having leisure hours, they wish to employ profitably, would do well to address,

A. PROSEUS, General Agent.
j15-2m. Baltimore, Md.

BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTURING.

THE undersigned having removed to and opened a BOOT AND SHOE STORE on High Street adjoining the millinery store of Mrs. C. R. Fiddis, is prepared to make in the best workmanlike manner, Ladies and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes of all styles.

My old customers and the public generally are invited to give me a call.

jan8-tf. JOHN A. FIDDIS.

WOOD! WOOD!

W. F. BAKER, respectfully informs the public, that he has purchased the WOOD YARD of Mr. W. H. Hamilton, up town, and is now prepared to supply all in want with Pine, Oak, and Hickory wood, at the lowest prices. Orders left at my Store, Court Street, will receive prompt attention.

jan15-tf. WILLIAM F. BAKER.

Dwelling House on High St., FOR SALE OR RENT.

THE subscriber offers at private sale, or for rent for the present year, the DWELLING HOUSE on High Street, in Chestertown, occupied the past year by Mr. E. T. Willis. The house is very eligibly located near the river, and in a very desirable neighborhood. There is a fine Garden, and a Pump of good drinking water in the yard.

The terms will be made accommodating.

jan8-tf. J. W. HINES.

ALDERNEY BULL FOR SALE.

I have a very fine, full bred, Young ALDERNEY BULL, out of a Cow imported by Ross Winans, Esq., which I will sell at a low price.

EDWARD WILKINS,
jan29-7t* Riverside.

FOR SALE,

On moderate terms,

ONE SHIFTING-TOP BUGGY & HARNESS, and ONE SLEIGH AND BELLS.

Apply to JAMES A. GALE,
feb5-3t. Still Pond, Md.

200,000 *OSAGE ORANGE* **Quicks,**

For sale on accommodating terms, by

JAMES R. REDDING,
feb5-3t. Galena.

FOR SALE,

200,000 OSAGE ORANGE QUICKS,

of one year's growth, of prime quality.

Also, 50,000 two years old, of very fine size. For particulars address

S. H. CRAWFORD,
jan29-4m. Middletown, Del.

For Rent for 1870,

TWO HOUSES IN CHESTERTOWN, one on Queen Street, the other on High Street Enquire of WM. VANNORT.

Nov. 20, 1869—tf.

PURCHASERS looking for Cheap and Serviceable *PANTS STUFF FOR WINTER WEAR,* should not fail to call at

L. S. FOWLER'S,

and examine his stock of Jeans, Sheeps Grey's Kerseys and Cassimeres, which he offers at low prices for the times. Nov. 6.

She Always Made Home Happy.

In an old churchyard stood a stone,
Weather-marked and stained;
The hand of time had crumbled it,
So only part of it remained;
Upon one side I could just trace—
"In memory of our mother;"
An epitaph which spoke of "home"
Was chiseled on the other.

I'd gazed on monuments of fame,
High towering to the skies,
I'd seen the sculptured marble-stone
Where a great hero lies;
But by this epitaph I paused,
And read it o'er and o'er,
For I had never seen inscribed
Such words as these before.

"She always made home happy,"
A noble record left,
A legacy of memory sweet
To those she loved bereft,
And what a testimony given
By those who knew her best
Engraven on this plain rude stone
That marked the mother's rest.

It was an humble resting place,
I knew that they were poor,
But they had seen their mother sink,
And patiently endure.
They had marked her cheerful spirit,
When bearing, one by one,
Her many burdens up the hill,
Till all her work was done.

So, when was stilled her weary heart,
Folded her hands so white,
And she was carried from the home
She'd always made so bright,
Her children made a monument
That money could not buy,
As witness of a noble life
Whose record is on high.

A noble life! but written not
In any book of fame,
Among the list of noted ones
None ever saw her name;
For only her own household knew
The victories she had won,
And none but they could testify
How well her work was done.

Better the costly monument
Of marble rich and rare,
Is that rude stone whose humble face
Such words of honor bear.
Oh! may we chisel on the hearts
Of those at home we love,
An epitaph whose truth may be
Witnessed for us above.

SYMPATHY.—Till we have reflected on it, we are scarcely aware how much the sum of human happiness in this world is indebted to this one feeling—sympathy. We get cheerfulness and vigor, we scarcely know how or when, from mere association with our fellow men, and from the looks reflected on us of gladness and enjoyment. We catch inspiration and power to go on, from human presence and from cheerful looks. The workman works with added energy having others by. The full family circle has a strength and a life peculiarly its own. The substantial good and the effectual relief which men extend to us are trifling. It is not by those, but by something far less costly that the work is done. God has insured it by a much more simple machinery. He has given to the weakest and the poorest, power to contribute largely to the common stock of gladness. The child's smile and laugh are mighty power's in this world. When bereavement has left you desolate, what substantial benefit is there that makes condolence acceptable! It cannot replace the loved ones you have lost. It can bestow upon you nothing permanent. But a warm hand has touched yours, and its thrill told you that there was a living response there to your emotion. One look, one human sigh, has done more for you than the costliest present could convey.

SHUN AFFECTATION.—There is nothing more beautiful in the young than simplicity of character. It is honest, frank, and attractive. How different is affectation? The simple minded are always natural.—They are at the same time original. The affected are never natural. As for originality, if they ever had it, they have crushed out and burried it from sight, utterly. Be yourself, then, young friend! To attempt to be any body else is worse than folly. It is an impossibility to attain it. It is contemptible to try! But suppose you succeed in imitating the greatest man that ever figured in history, would that make you any better? By no means. You would always suffer in comparison with the imitated one, and be thought of only as a shadow of a substance—the echo of a real sound—the counterfeit of a pure coin! Dr. Johnson aptly compared the heartless imitator—for such is he who affects the character—to the Empress of Russia, when she did the freakish thing of erecting a palace of ice. It was splendid and conspicuous while it lasted. But the sun soon melted it, and caused its attractions to dissolve into common water, while the humble stone cottages of her subjects stood firm and unmarred! Let the fabric of your character, though ever so humble, be at least real. Avoid affecting the character of another, however great. Build up your own. Be what God intended you to be—yourself, and not somebody else. Shun affectation.

NEIGHBOR'S QUARRELS.—They who attempt to outwrangle quarrelsome neighbors go the wrong way to work—a kind deed will be more likely to be successful. Two children were wont to pass by a savage dog; the one took a stick in his hand and pointed it at him, but this only made the enraged creature more furious than before. The other child adopted a different plan; for, by giving the dog a piece of bread and butter, he was allowed to pass, the subdued animal wagging his tail in quietude. If you happen to have a quarrelsome neighbor, conquer him by civilty and kindness; try the bread and butter system, and keep your stick out of sight. This is an excellent Christian admonition: "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

THERE is one single fact which one may oppose to all the wit and argument of infidelity, viz: that no man ever repented being a Christian on his death-bed.

The Drunkard's Dying Child.

Mrs. D—— sat near a scanty pallet, on which was laying her suffering little Freddy, her bright and beautiful boy, reduced to skin and bone. His large, mysterious eyes were turned upward, watching the flutting of leaves and the filaments of sunshine that peered through the foliage of the multicaulis. An infant, about a month old, meagre, and weary of its existence, lay upon her bosom, and she was in vain trying to charm it to repose.

"Mamma," said Freddy, reaching out his waxen hand, "take me to your bosom."

"Yes, love, as soon as Maria is still."

"Mamma, if God had not sent us that little, cross baby, you could love me, and nurse me, as you did when I was sick at Cincinnatti. My throat is hot, mamma, I wish I had a drink in a tumbler—a glass tumbler, mamma, and I could look through it."

"Dear, you shall have a tumbler," cried Mrs. D—, her lip quivering with emotion, and a wild fire in her eyes.

"Yes, mamma, one cold drink in a tumbler, and your poor little Freddy would fly up, up, where that little bird sits. Will papa come to-night, and get us bread? You said he would. Will he get me a glass of water? No, mamma, he will be drunk. Nobody ever gets drunk in heaven."

"No, no, my son, my angel."

"No one says cross words, ma?"

"No, bless your sweet tongue."

"And there is nice cold water there, and silver cups?"

"Oh, yes, my child, a fountain of living waters."

"And it never gets dark there?"

"Never, never!" and the tears fell in streams down the mother's pale cheek.

"And nobody gets sick and dies?"

"No, my love."

"If they were to, God would let the angels bring them water, I know he would, from the big fountain. Oh, mamma, don't cry. Do people cry in heaven?"

"Oh, no, sweet one; God wipes away all tears," replied the weeping mother.

"And the angels kiss them off, I s'pose. But tell me, mamma, will he come there?"

"Who, my son?"

"You know, mamma—papa."

"Hush, Freddy, dear, lie still; you worry yourself."

"Oh, my throat, dear me, if I only had a little water in a tumbler, mamma, just one little mouthful."

"You shall have it;" and, as the mother said this, the poor child passed away into the arms of Him who shall evermore give it of the bright waters of eternal life.

Is the Bible the Word of God.

"The Bible the word of God? No!" says a young skeptic, who has been reading an infidel book. "No! it is the invention of men."

But the Bible claims to be the word of God, does it not?

"Yes; the men who wrote it pretend that they 'spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost,' and that what they said was a 'Thus saith the Lord.' But that was only a cunning deception, in order to make men the more readily believe it."

If the Bible is not what it claims to be, it is, you think, an imposture, and its writers were deceivers and liars?

"Yes, this is what I believe?"

Good men would not lie and deceive, would they?

"Of course not."

Then the Bible, you are sure, could not have been written by good men?

"I feel certain it was not."

And, if not the work of good men, it must be the "invention" of bad men?

"I believe it was."

Now answer me candidly, does the Bible condemn sin, and threaten bad men with punishment.

"Yes."

Does it forbid and condemn lying and deception?

"Yes."

Does it declare that liars shall perish; that Ananias for lying was struck dead; and that false prophets who speak deceit in the name of the Lord, and all who love and make a lie, shall be shut out of the Kingdom of Heaven?

"It does."

And would bad men—false prophets, deceivers and liars, make a book that condems their own sins, and threatens themselves with everlasting punishment?

'They would not be likely to, certainly.'

Then the Bible could not have been written by bad men, could it?

"I must admit it is not easy to see how it could."

If, then, as you admit, it could not be the "invention" of bad men—because they could be guilty of an imposture, who else could be its author but God? And if it is God's Book, why not believe it, and obey it?

A CHILD'S LOVE.—One of the sweets of social intercourse is to feel that we are loved by the little ones; their manifestations of affection are so artless and real—free from all the motives to show affection which might influence those of riper years. Love in children is like the cheerful sunbeam, the gentle rill, pure and lucid, sweet and heavenly; an influence that fans our cares away; and we love to think we are remembered in those bosoms of pure affection. Those little sunny faces are flowers in life's pathway; mark the attempts of the little lispers to speak our names when they meet us; what funny mistakes they make; yet they all speak pure affection. O could we, who have arrived at riper years, still preserve, combined with maturity, the artlessness and simplicity of our childhood, then we should make those about us happy with ourselves.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE.—No other earthly circle can be compared with that of the family. It comprises all that a human heart most values and delights in. It is the centre where all human affections meet and entwine, the vessels into which they all pour themselves with such joyous freedom. There is no one word which contains in it so many endearing associations and precious remembrances, hid in the heart like gold. It appeals at once to the very centre of man's being, "his heart of hearts." All that is sweet, soothing, tender, and true, is wrapped up in that one name. It speaks not of one circle or of one bond; but of many circles and of many bonds—all of them near the heart. The family home, the family hearth, the family table, family habits, family voices, family tokens, family salutations, family melodies, family joys, and family sorrows: what a mine of recollections lies under that one word! Take these away, and earth becomes a mere churchyard of crumbling bones; and men as so many grains of loosened sand, or at best, but as fragments of a torn flower which the winds are scattering abroad.

All that is beautiful in human relationship, or tender in human affection, or gentle in human intercourse; all that is lovely and precious in the movements of a human heart from its lowest depths, to its uppermost surface, all these are wrapped up in the one name of family. For close-knit bonds, for steadfast faithfulness in love, for depth of sympathy, for endurance in trial and danger—where shall we find anything to be compared to the story of earth's family circle? Conjugal love, parental love, brotherly love, sisterly love,—all are here. The many streams of human affection empty themselves into it, or flow out of it for the fertility and gladness of the earth.

A TRUTHFUL SKETCH.—Let a man fail in business, what a wonderful effect it has on his former friends and creditors. Men who had taken him by the arm, laughed and chatted with him by the hour, shrug up their shoulders, and pass him by with a chilling "how do you do?" Every trifle of a bill is hunted up and presented, that would not have seen daylight for months to come, but for the misfortune of the debtor. If it is paid, well and good; if not the scowl of the Sheriff perhaps meets him at the corner. A man that never failed knows but little of human nature. In prosperity, he sails along, gently wafted by favoring smiles and kind words from everybody.—He prides himself on his good name and spotless character, and makes his boast that he has not an enemy in the world.—Alas! the change. He looks upon the world in a different light when reverses come upon him. He reads suspicion on every brow. He hardly knows how to move, or whether to do this thing or the other—for there are spies about him, and a writ is ready for his back. To understand what kind of stuff the world is made of, a person must be unfortunate and stop payment once in his lifetime.—If he has kind friends, then they are made manifest. A failure is a moral sieve—it brings out the wheat and shows the chaff. A man thus learns that words and pretended good will do not constitute real friendship.

AN ITEM FOR BACHELORS.—A judicious wife is always chipping off from her husband's moral nature little twigs that are growing in wrong directions. She keeps him in shape by continual pruning. If you say anything silly, she will find means of preventing your doing it again. And by far the chief part of all the common sense belongs unquestionably to woman. A wife is the grand wielder of the moral pruning knife. If Johnson's wife had lived, there would have been no hoarding up of orange peel—no touching all the posts in walking the streets—no eating and drinking with a disgusting voracity. If Oliver Goldsmith had been married, he would never have worn that memorable and ridiculous coat. Whenever you find a man whom you know little about, oddly dressed or talking absurdly, or exhibiting an eccentricity of manner, you may be tolerably sure that he is not a married man; for the corners are rounded off—the little shoes are pruned away, in married men. Wives generally have much more sense than their husbands—especially when their husbands are clever men. The wife's advices are like the ballast that keeps the ship steady. They are wholsome, though painful shears, clipping off little growths of self-conceit.

SMALL MEANS.—The power of money is, on the whole, over estimated. The greatest things which have been done for the world have not been accomplished by rich men, or by subscription lists, but by men generally of small pecuniary means. Christianity was propagated over half the world by men of poorest class; and the greatest thinkers, discoverers, inventors, and artists, have been men of moderate wealth, many of them little raised above the condition of manual laborers in point of worldly circumstances. And it will always be so. Riches are oftener an impediment than a stimulus to action; and in many cases they are quite as much a misfortune as a blessing. The youth who inherits wealth is apt to have life made too easy for him, and he soon grows sated with it, because he has nothing left to desire.

MISS JULIA HUBBARD, the "transcribing clerk" of the Wisconsin Legislature, is young, handsome and well educated.—A bashful young member called her the "transporting clerk," in his confusion, the other day, and was immediately called to order by all the other unmarried members.

ABOUT MOVING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.—Here is what a sensible Western man says about the wild project of moving the capital. We quote from the Louisville Courier Journal of the 4th inst:

"Every now and then this idea takes possession of some restless brain, and straightway the sufferer rushes into print with his 'views' about the expediency of the movement, backed by an amount of argument and statistics that are as hard to get through intelligently as a patent office report. A Congressman, with an ambitious turn, whose term is growing rapidly to a close, and who has but little prospect of re-election, sometimes tries to attract the 'eye of the nation,' by introducing some resolution about the matter, in which the 'centre of the coming empire,' 'the wants of the people,' 'the material wealth of the West,' and other threadbare congressional metaphors are used with much earnestness. The fact is that when the time comes the capital will be moved or allowed to remain where it is as interest and power dictate. Meanwhile it is astonishing to see how many impetuous legislative small-fry are putting themselves out of temper and exhausting themselves generally by their vehement harangues on this subject.—These poor little local flies buz about the capital buttonholing every body and wearing out the patience of editors trying to get a hearing. They seem to think that the whole question depends upon their two-penny exertions."

THE WORKING PEOPLE.—The extraordinary growth of trade unions during the last few years is a remarkable illustration of the present tendency of working men to combine in support of each other.—In New York city and Brooklyn there are over one hundred trade unions, only three of which were in existence before 1860, and three-fourths have been organized since 1865. There are sixteen which have organized national unions, controlling in the aggregate over one thousand branches and 184,121 members. The National Labor Union holding the same relations to the State unions that the United States government bears to the separate States, meets in Congress every year at the principal cities of the country, and issues charters to the branch societies.

KILLING FISH.—The paper called "Our Dumb Animals" proposes that we shall kill fish, instead of allowing them to die by a slow process after having been taken from their native element. The Dutch kill the fish by making a slight longitudinal incision under the tail, and the operation, which is performed with a very sharp instrument, can be done so quickly that it is practiced even in the largest fisheries, not excepting those for the herring. It is the custom in Holland to kill the fish as soon as he is drawn from the water, while we let him lie in an agony which produces the effect of a sickness on the animal economy, softens the flesh, and gives to it the principles of dissolution.

TEXAS SAVAGES.—A San Antonio paper speaking of the frontier out there, says: The country seems to have been turned over to the savages; they ride through small settlements with the air of independence and ease which marks the man who feels himself free from danger. Women and children are carried into a horrid captivity; horses driven off in droves before the eyes of the owner, and beeves and other property appropriated, and in many cases carried beyond the Rio Grande. While these depredations continue, our military authorities are wrapped in a Rip Van Winkle sleep."

THE advocates of woman suffrage are to have an enemy they little anticipated. Some of the most prominent ladies in Washington, among them Mrs. General Sherman and Mrs. Admiral Dahlgreen, are about to take active measures in opposition to the movement to secure the ballot to women. One lady recently appeared before the Senate Committee and made a strong argument against suffrage. The fire in the rear is likely to have a demoralizing effect upon the new recruits in Miss Anthony's army.

A FAT GIRL.—Don Piatt says: "I was in love once with a fat girl. She was very fleshy. She was enormous, but the course of true love came to grief. I was sitting with her in the dim twilight one evening. I was sentimental; I said many soft things; I embraced a part of her.—She seemed distant. She frequently turned her lovely head from me. At last I thought I heard a murmur of voices on the other side. I arose and walked around; and there found another fellow courting her on the left flank. I was indignant, and upbraided her for her treachery in thus concealing from me another love.—She laughed at my conceit, as if she were not big enough to have two lovers at once."

A TEXAS woman so aggravated her husband that he fled to the wilderness. He then turned up in Galveston, where he wrote the following letter:

My Lovin Wife:—Ime comin ome nex week an have forgive you for jawin me.—I'lle come on the 7 o'clock trane an shall stay ome hereafter and tri to be a altered man. I want peace and so do yew, why shoodn't we love each uther as we used ter when we were first jined together in the wholy bands of madlock. I've jined a temperance sosicty, but if you ever jaw me agin for cummin ome I'll wallup you like sixty, for we must have peese, as grant ses.

As the sun in all its splendor was peeping over the eastern hills a newly married man exclaimed: "The glory of the world is rising!" His wife who happened to be getting up at the moment, taking the compliment to herself simpered, "What would you think, my dear, if I had my silk gown on?"

To a toast of "The babies—God bless them!" a railway conductor responded: "May their route through life be pleasant and profitable; their ties well laid:—their track straightforward, and not backwards. May their fathers be safe conductors, their mothers faithful tenders, and their switch never misplaced."

NOT BAD.—A Cleveland editor was recently the subject of a good joke. He advertised that he would send a copy free to any person sending a "club of ten;" and a young lady in the country "took the trick" by sending him the ten-spot of clubs. She doubtless got the paper for her wit.